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SUBJ: SOVIET COMMENT ON CHILE

1. SOVIET MEDIA REACTION TO CHILEAN COUP IS MARKED BY
STRONG RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT SUICIDE AS CAUSE OF
ALLENDE'S DEATH AND INCLINATION TO GIVE HIM MARTYR
STATUS. TASS COMMENTARY BY GONCHAROV (ALSO CARRIED
TASS ENGLISH WIRE) MOURNS DEATH OF ALLENDE AND TAKES
HARSH LINE ON REACTIONARY POLITICS OF THOSE WHO OVER-
THREW POPULARLY ELECTED, LEGALLY CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT.
GONCHAROV SCORNS WESTERN MEDIA WHO NOW SHED
CROCODILE TEARS OVER OUTCOME OF STRUGGLE IN WHICH THEIR
SYMPATHIES WERE AGAINST ALLENDE. ODDLY, PRAVDA SEPT 13
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DOES NOT USE TASS COMMENTARY (WHICH DOES APPEAR IN RED

STAR, TRUD AND SELSKAY AZHIZN), INSTEAD CARRYING ONLY NEWS DESPATCHES WHICH FUZZ QUESTION OF WHETHER ALLENDE ACTUALLY DEAD.

2. PUBLIC MEETINGS IN USSR ARE REPORTEDLY VOICING

SOLIDARITY WITH CHILEAN PEOPLE , BUT HAVE CONFINED SELVES TO EXPRESSING SYMPATHY WITH "SISTANT" COUNTRY AND PROTEST OVER CRIMES COMMITTED BY MILITARY REACTIONARIES. HEAD OF LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE VOLSKIY IS QUOTED AS SAYING COUP WILL BRING HARM TO CHILEAN PEOPLE AND THREATENS TO RETURN COUNTRY TO ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE.

3. PRAVDA COVERAGE EDGES UP TO QUESTION OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT BUT MAKES NO SPECIFIC CHARGES. IT REPORTS STATEMENT BY REP. HARRINGTON (D-MASS.) THAT U.S. ECONOMIC POLICY PLAYED ROLE IN ENCOURAGING COUP, AND IT STATES THAT U.S. OFFICIALS NOT SURPRISED BY COUP AND THAT U.S. CORPORATION OFFICIALS DO NOT HIDE THEIR SATISFACTION WITH IT.
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